

## REMARKS

The indicated allowable subject matter of claims 1-12, 26 and 14-24 if rewritten, is noted with appreciation.

These claims in the form as now presented herein are thus now allowable.

While applicants do not concur that the type of scalable-port shared memory system disclosed in U.S. Patent 4,748,618 to Brown et al, can actually be read upon applicants' switch as defined in the language of claims 14 and 25, it appears to be unnecessary to further contest the language of these claims in view of the most adequate protection afforded by the allowable claims. It is for this reason, accordingly, that applicants withdraw these claims without prejudice, thereby obviating the respective 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) rejections.

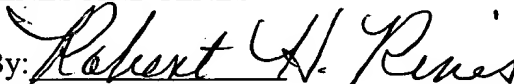
The Abstract has been lengthened, as required.

Reconsideration and allowance of all of claims 1-12, 26 and 14-24, as amended, therefore appear now to be in order and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Any costs required by this filing, and/or for any required extensions of time, petition for which is hereby made, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 18-1425 of the undersigned attorney.

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